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Art Unit 2655

Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/017,435; Filed: December 14, 2001
For: **Voice Application Development Methodology**
Inventors: PHILLIPS *et al.*
Our Ref: 2222.0820003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$180.00 to cover Information Disclosure Statement Fee;
3. Form PTO-1449 (two (2) sheets) listing twenty-three (23) documents; and
4. One (1) Return Postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

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- 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document appears below:
- 7. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2), copies of the 'U.S. Patent Documents' cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not enclosed.
- 8. Copies of the documents AR1, AS1, AT1, AR2, AS2, and AT2 were cited by or submitted to the Office in an IDS that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c) in Application No. 09/855,004, filed May 14, 2001, which is relied upon for

an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

9. It is expected that the examiner will review the prosecution and cited art in the parent Application No. 09/855,004, filed May 14, 2001, and Application No. 09/290,508, filed April 12, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,408,272, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06(b), and indicate in the next communication from the office that the art cited in the earlier prosecution history has been reviewed in connection with the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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